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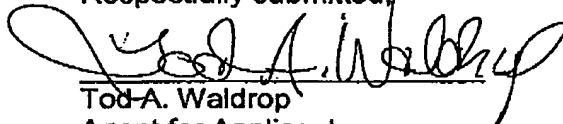
The Office states:

"Claims 1-46 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising 1) various organo-phosphorus compounds, 2) various organo-phosphorus compounds in mixture with one or more additives, and 3) polymers in mixture with various organo-phosphorus compounds alone or in combination with one or more additives. Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, even though this requirement is traversed. Applicant's election must specify the organo-phosphorus compound, and if the election is to mixture 2) or 3) with one or more additives must also specify the additive(s); it is not necessary to specify the polymer if genus 3) is elected. Note that if no additive is elected/specified, the specified organo-phosphorus compound will be examined as a compound and claims 7-16, 19, 29-40, 43 and 44 will be withdrawn and the remaining claims examined only to the extent that they encompass the compound. Note that if a mix of an organo-phosphorus compound and one or more specific additives is elected then claims 29-40 will be withdrawn. Note that if a mix of an organo-phosphorus compound and one or more specific additives and polymer is elected then claims 1-28 and 41-46 will be withdrawn."

For prosecution in this Application, Applicants elect mixture 2 wherein the organo-phosphorus compound is an aluminum salt of diethylphosphonic acid, and the additive is an alkylalkoxylate (see page 10, paragraph 45 of the specification), without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to the non-elected subject matter.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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